

## Intern Certificate vs. Probationary Certificate—Testing Requirements

Effective September 1, 2017, the state began issuing an intern certificate, in addition to the probationary certificate.

The main differences between the two are the type of tests an individual must pass and how long an individual may serve on the certificate. In order to receive either certificate, candidates must pass a TExES Content Exam.

The probationary certificate requires an additional requirement of passing the pedagogy and professional responsibilities (PPR) examination.

The intern certificate can be issued prior to passing the PPR (candidates are given the school year to pass). However, an additional \$500 will be added to a candidates remaining program fees if an intern certificate is needed as additional field supervisor support is required.

The intern and probationary certificate are both valid for a 12-month period from the date of issuance. However, an intern certificate cannot be renewed or extended. A probationary certificate may be renewed for two additional 12-month periods if program benchmarks are met.